

House District 7

Ward Merdes, Truly Independent - No Party



DATE OF BIRTH: March 14, 1963
PLACE OF BIRTH: Fairbanks, Alaska
NAME OF SPOUSE: Lori D. Merdes
CHILDREN: Jeffrey Fields
(Spouse: Shana)
and Monica Fields
RESIDENCE ADDRESS: 1351 Great View Lane
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712
MAILING ADDRESS: 505 Old Steese Hwy. #117
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ward@electmerdes.com
WEB SITE ADDRESS: www.electmerdes.com
LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 41 years
Fairbanks 1963 - 2004
OCCUPATION: Consumer Attorney
EDUCATION:
Lathrop High School; Santa Clara University (B.S.,
Economics, 1985); Santa Clara University School of
Law (J.D., 1988); Cornell University (M.B.A., 1990);
UAF (M.A. Communication, expected 2005).
SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:
College Rotary; Arctic Amateur Radio Club (KL7IXW);
Sustaining Member, Association of Trial Lawyers of
America (ATLA); Faculty, Association of Trial Lawyers of
America (ATLA); Director, Alaska Academy of Trial
Lawyers; Alaska State Coordinator, National Board of
Trial Advocacy (NBTA).

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Lori (my wife), Continuing Legal Education,
Community Development, Economics, Statistics,
Psychology, Reading, Ham Radio, Martial Arts,
Physical Fitness, Antique Vehicle Restoration (1956
Ford F-100's)

STATEMENT:

Alaska is ready for change. It's ready for the
Legislature to be held accountable... answering to the
people of Alaska. Alaska's future outweighs special
interests, re-election and Partisan politics. I was once
told: "If you always do what you've always done, you'll
always get what you've always got." Now is the time
for Alaska to consider what we have always done and
what it will take to create a better tomorrow.

I ask for your "Truly Independent - No Party" vote on
November 2nd, for exactly this reason. As your repre-
sentative, I'll work with the Republicans when they put
Alaska first. I'll work with the Democrats when they
put Alaska first. I'll work with the Alaskan
Independence and Green parties when they put
Alaska first. As an Independent Legislator, I'll account
to you, my District 7D voters. You will decide the
issues, with me as your voice.

I'm fiscally conservative. There should be no new
taxes - no raiding the Permanent Fund without full
accountability. Before Alaskans sacrifice more, Juneau
must prove it will spend our dollars wisely.

I'm socially moderate. Alaskans should determine their
own destinies from a level playing field. Individual per-
spectives must be respected.

Alaska is my home. For many years, I've represented
Alaskans, working to make Alaska an even better
place to live. As an attorney, a businessman and life-
long Alaskan, I'll work with you, building a better
tomorrow.

I respectfully request your Truly Independent vote on
November 2nd. For more information, visit
www.electmerdes.com.

provided and paid for by the candidate